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## Ordained Ministers

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Butt, D. N.	R. F. D. No. 4, Eupora, Miss.
Carroll, J. T.	Stewart, "
Carroll, Andy	Embry, "
Dorroh, Joel.	McCain, "
Duke, G. W.	R. F. D. No. 3, Eupora, "
Eidson, J. J.	Bellefontaine, "
Mason, A. C.	Slate Springs, "
McPhail, J. T.	Slate Springs, "
McPhail, W. J.	Slate Springs, "
Phelps, J. L.	Eupora, "
Smitu, Tom	Walthall, "
White, R. C.	Calhoun City, "
Wilson, T. H.	Bellefontaine, "
Williams, Charles B.	Clinton, "

## Licentiates

Dunn, Luther	Duck Hill, Miss.
Franklin, J. J.	Eupora, "
Tackett, W. A.	Eupora, "
Gatlin, D. L.	Tomnolen, "

## Order of Business

1. Devotional exercises, by Moderator.
2. Introductory sermon.
3. Reading of letters.
4. Permanent Organization.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appoint Return Correspondents.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Treasurer's report.
9. Report of Pastors' Support.
10. Report on Missions.
11. Report on Evangelism.
12. Report on Woman's Work.
13. Report on Orphan's Home.





# Proceedings

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

**T**HE Zion Baptist Association met in its seventy-third annual session with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Calhoun county, September 9, 1908.

At 10 a. m. the Moderator, T. H. Wilson called the Association to order.

Opening song, "How firm a Foundation" after which the Moderator conducted Devotional Exercises by reading 121 Psalm and leading in prayer.

Letters were then called for.

The following brethren were appointed reading clerks to wit: J. A. McCain, D. S. Patterson and W. J. McPhail. The letters were then read and delegates enrolled as follows to-wit:

Bethany—D. S. Patterson, J. D. Lane, J. S. Dorroh.

Bethel—T. B. Odom, J. M. Pendergrast, S. M. Doolittle, J. E. Phelps.

Bluff Springs—W. H. Oswalt, J. N. Bennett.

Eupora—J. L. Phelps, S. G. Taylor.

Fellowship—J. A. McCain, J. W. Spencer.

Greensboro—Not represented.

Harmony—R. L. Middleton, J. M. Pyron.

Hebron—F. Lucius, E. F. Lucius.

Milligan Springs—Proctor Landrum, Bryant Pittman.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Mt. Vernon—J. O. Peoples, F. F. Johnson.

Mulberry—C. F. Oglesby, Howard Thompson, A. M. Pyron.

New Hope—Willie Bridges, N. D. Skelton.

New Liberty—A. J. Fowler, J. A. Patridge.

Philadelphia—Sam Morris, R. Cannon.

Pilgrim's Rest—G. W. Trainor.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Fox, J. H. Vance, J. G. Barton.

Pleasant Grove—G. E. Shaw.

Sabougla—L. L. Hammack, J. W. McCord, J. A. Lay, Rufus England.

Sapa—Hix Middleton, H. H. Middleton,

Shady Grove—D. L. Gatlin, W. Jones.

Shiloh—Newett Mitchell, J. W. Kirt.

Spring Hill—F. E. Moore, W. J. Nelves.

Unity—C. S. Clark, J. W. Clark.

Union—Victor Lott.

Walthall—A. O. Paxton, Ben King.

A newly organized church, Pine Forest, organized August 13th 1908, by Rev. W. J. Sargent and deacons J. Y. Oliver and J. A. Lusk, petitioned for membership in this Association and on motion was admitted.

The Association then joined in singing "The Beautiful Land."

The introductory sermon was then preached by the appointee, Rev. J. L. Phelps. Scripture reading, Eph., 3d chapter, and J. L. Phelps offered prayer. Text: Eph. 3:8. "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;" Theme: "Magnifying the Gospel of Christ."

After the sermon, prayer was offered by Rev. O. M. Lucas.

After announcements the Association joined in singing "Enough For Me" and took recess until 1:30 for refreshments. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. A. T. Burns.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Song: "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The Association then went into permanent organization. On motion the rules were suspended and the present moderator and clerk were unanimously re-elected.

J. D. Denton Treasurer. The Moderator then called for correspondence.

D. A. Tabb, Moderator of Trinity Association and W. T. Ross presented themselves from that body, W. P. Winter, from Calhoun Association, and O. M. Lucas representing Baptist Record, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats by Moderator.

J. H. Pryor announced himself as representing the Foreign Mission Board and J. L. Phelps the Home Mission Board in this Association.

#### RETURN CORRESPONDENCE.

Trinity Association—W. J. McPhail, J. L. Phelps, T. H. Wilson, J. H. Pryor.

Calhoun Association—L. L. Hammack, Joel Dorroh, W. J. McPhail.

Yazoo Association—J. L. Phelps, J. H. Pryor, J. N. Bennett, J. W. Kirk, T. H. Wilson, A. M. Pyron.

Chester Association—J. L. Phelps.

Baptist State Convention—J. L. Phelps, Joel Dorroh, D. S. Pat.

## MINUTES OF THE

terson, J. M. Pindergrast, C. F. Oglesby, C. S. Clark, T. H. Wilson, J. W. Spencer, B. Y. King

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention---T. H. Wilson, Alternate, Joel Dorroh

The following pledges were then made to defray expenses of delegate to S. B. C. to be paid by April 1st, 1909, to wit:

Bethany	\$2 50	Shiloh	2 50
Bethel	2 00	Unity	2 00
Bluff Springs	2 00	Milligan Springs	1 50
Eupora	2 50	Mt Vernon	2 00
Fellowship	2 50	Mulberry	2 00
Greensboro	1 50	New Hope	2 50
Harmony	2 00	New Liberty	2 00
Hebron	2 00	Philadelphia	2 00
Pilgrim's Rest	2 00	Sabougla	1 00
Pleasant Hill	1 50	Union	2 00
Pleasant Grove	2 50	Walshall	2 00
Shady Grove	1 50		
Spring Hill	2 00	Total	\$48 00

The following committees were then appointed to wit:

On Finance-- J. W. Simpson, D. S. Patterson, J. M. Pendergrast.

On Nominations---C. F. Oglesby, T. B. Odom, R. L. Middleton.

On Devotion---Pastor and deacons of Pleasant Hill church.

J. H. Pryor, Treasurer, then read his annual report, which on motion was received and referred to Finance Committee.

## Treasurer's Report

J. H. Pryor, Treasurer, in account with Zion Association:

1907		Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 5	Received from Finance Committee	\$70 10	
" 5	To amount paid J. W. Spencer for minutes		\$42 60
" 5	By amount paid A. V. Rowe for Gen'l Missions		27 50
Nov. 3	Received from Eurora church for Orphans' Home	18 11	
Dec. 21	By amount paid A. V. Rowe for Orphans' Home		18 11
1908			
Jan. 21	To amount received from Eupora S. S. For. Mis'ns	11 34	
" 23	By amount paid A. V. Rowe Foreign Missions		11 34
Feb. 8	To am't. received Spring Hill church for Miss'ns	25 00	
" 14	By amout paid A. V. Rowe for Missions		25 00
Mar. 8	To am't received Sabougla church for Missions	8 65	
" 8	To am't rec'd Bluff Springs church delegate fund	1 00	
" 8	To am't rec'd Pilgrim's Rest church delegate fund	2 00	
" 8	To am't rec'd Unity church delegate fund	2 00	
" 16	By amount paid A. V. Rowe General Missions		8 65
" 17	To am't rec'd from New Hope church For. M'sns	5 00	
" 19	By amount paid A. V. Rowe Foreign Missions	35 00	
" 19	To am't rec'd New Hope church Home Missions		50 00
" 31	By amount paid A. V. Rowe Home Missions		35 00
" 31	To am't rec'd from Eupora church For. Missions	37 70	
Apr. 1	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for Foreign Missions		37 70
" 12	Received of Fellowship church for For. Missions	15 50	
" 12	Received of Fellowship church for Home Missions	15 50	
" 12	Received of Fellowship church for delegate fund	2 50	



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" 14	Received of Sabougla church for For. Missions....	6 75	
" 16	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for Foreign Missions.....		15 50
" 16	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for Home Missions.....		15 50
" 19	To am't rec'd New Hope church delegate fund....	3 00	
" 19	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for Foreign Missions.....		6 75
" 22	To am't rec'd from Eupora church For. Miss'ns.	56 03	
" 27	To am't re'cd Pilgrim's Rest c'h For Missions.	5 00	
" 27	By amount paid A. V. Rowe Foreign Missions.....		46 03
" 30	By amount paid A. V. Rowe Foreign Missions.....		5 00
" 30	To am't rec'd Bethel church for delegate fund....	2 00	
May 1	By am't paid W. J. McPhail delegate fund.....		12 90
" 1	To am't rec'd Shady Grove church Gen. Miss'ns.	4 50	
" 15	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for General Missions.....		4 50
Jun 25	To am't rec'd from Eupora church State Missions.	10 35	
" 27	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for State Missions.....		10 35
" 30	To am't rec'd Fellowship church State Missions..	12 00	
J'ly 2	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for State Missions.....		12 00
" 6	To am't rec'd New Hope church State Missions.	18 35	
" 7	To am't rec'd Bluff Sp'gs ch'ch State Missions.....	4 00	
" 11	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for State Missions.....		22 35
Aug. 15	Rec'd of Pleasant Hill church Foreign Missions.	2 80	
" 17	By am't paid A. V. Rowe for Foreign Missions..		2 80
		<u>\$409 21</u>	<u>\$409 21</u>

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. PRYOR, Treasurer.

September 9, 1908.

On motion the clerk was authorized to insert a clause in Constitution prescribing duties of the Associational Treasurer.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made partial report as follows:

To preach at 8 p.m., Rev. T. H. Wilson.

On motion the clerk was requested to collect a file of the Minutes of this Association from its origin if possible, and report his findings at next meeting of this body.

Report on Pastor's Support was read by J. O. Peebles, discussed by J. E. Shaw, C. L. Clark, O. M. Lucas, J. M. Pendergrast, A. T. Burns, and was adopted.

## PASTORS' SUPPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN—The duty of Pastors' Support is one, as well as many others, that is sadly neglected in many of the churches of our Association. The average amount paid by each Baptist church member within the bounds of this association for the year 1907 was about 78 cents. This amount is inadequate to the needs of the great cause of Christ in this line of Christian work, and not commensurate with our financial ability, for we have enjoyed a great degree of temporal prosperity for the past few years, and yet we have paid for the support of the Gospel less than the average price of one day's labor on the farm in Mississippi. Brethren, the fact that a man is a minister of the Gospel, and in charge of churches, does not release him from the duties and obligations to his dependent ones. How can a preacher buy books, spend time to read them, and be at the general expense of preparing himself to be an efficient teacher of the Scriptures, and at the same time be forced by necessity to earn a living by manual labor for himself and family? Sound reason forbids such

a supposition, even if we had no scripture bearing directly on this point; but there is no Christian duty more plainly taught in the Bible than the duty of pastors' support. See Matt., 10:10; 1st. Cor., 9:14. Your committee would recommend that the churches throughout this Association be more systematic in the performance of this duty. We believe that in a great many churches this duty would not be so sadly neglected if the officers in charge of the financial affairs of those churches would discharge their duty with greater diligence. God speed the day when the churches of our Zion may be aroused to a sense of duty in this line of Christian work.

J. O. PEEPLES,  
W. T. CLARK,  
Committee.

Committee on hospitality assigned homes to delegates and visitors, and Association adjourned to 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Dismissed with prayer by J. T. McPhail.

Evening Service—Preaching by T. H. Wilson, from Mark 2:4.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at appointed hour.

Song: "Amazing Grace." One Hundred and Third Psalm was read by Moderator, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Phelps.

Report on Evangelism was read by J. L. Phelps, discussed by J. L. Phelps, Joel Dorroh and W. P. Winter, and report adopted.

## Report on Evangelism

The blessings of God have been upon the workers in this department for the past year, and we have every reason for thanksgiving and praise to God for the splendid results which have come to us from God's own hand as crowning their labors.

Our Home Board has under its employment five Evangelists, W. H. Sledge, Raleigh Wright, Luther Little, W. W. Hamilton and W. A. McComb. These workers have been very busy, faithful and successful. Brother Sledge in 264 days received 424 for Baptism. Brother Wright in 250 days received 392 for baptism, Brother Little in 139 days received 307 for baptism, Brother Hamilton in 252 days received 454 for baptism, making a total of 1,577 additions to our churches by baptism.

Besides this splendid showing by these four men under the employment of our Home Board, operating within the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention, thousands have been brought into the Kingdom of our Lord through our faithful pastors, as they have assisted each other in the great work.

At the meeting of our State Convention at Meridian last July Bro. J. P. Harrington was employed as an evangelist under our State Board to work in our own State.

The delightfully hopeful signs of the present times are that our churches are waking up to a sense of their responsibility in this work as never before. The time has also come that churches in need of a pastor are looking for one who has the evangelistic spirit, and the church that has lost the seeking note for the salvation of the lost has evidently lost the spirit of our Savior, for a church to cease to be evangelic is to cease to be evangelistical.

Your committee would therefore recommend that our pastors

would seek more and more to bring this great and important subject before their churches that they might see the lost as our Lord saw them, and to have something of his passion for their salvation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. PHELPS,  
J. T. MARSHALL,  
Committee.

Report on Systematic Beneficence was read by Julius Clark, discussed by J. L. Phelps, and report adopted.

### Systematic Beneficence

This subject is a short definition of 1st Cor., 15:58: "Always abounding in the work of the Lord." And then in the same verse is added, "for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." What an incentive is this to us to work in needy places, and all places are needy—the home, the church, the Sunday school, and the community in general; besides the whole wide world, where millions of God's creatures are dying for the Gospel that our efforts could send them.

As Christians, let us go home from this Association, and on our knees ask God to help us to avoid the spasmodic efforts of weak Christian living, and to realize what this subject, "Systematic Beneficence," means, and in our daily living practice it to the winning of souls for Christ.

J. W. CLARK,  
WILL JORDAN,  
Committee.

Report on Sustentation was read by J. E. Shaw, discussed by O. M. Lucas, C. S. Clark, J. T. McPhail, and report adopted. The Association made the following contribution for Sustentation, to-wit, \$14.70.

### Report on Sustentation

Your committee on Sustentation would report the following:  
We believe that it has ever been God's plan to call his servants in his vineyard, and that he calls them for their whole time, or during their natural life. And that it is the duty of the churches to support them while thus employed is also plainly taught in the word of God. He called the Priests to their office for life, and also said that they should live of the things of the temple and the altar, and also said that "Those that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." And though they have worn themselves out in the ministry until they are no longer able to do active service in the ministry they are nevertheless God's chosen ministers; and he is still using them as such, and it is just as imperative that the church should support them as when in the active ministry. While God has called them to minister to the world in spiritual things, he has made it equally as obligatory on us to minister to them in temporal things. If it is woe unto those who are called to the ministry if they preach not the Gospel (as Paul said), then it is woe unto the churches if they refuse to support the minister, for we are taught that we are laborers together, and in this way we are preaching the Gospel. Like Aaron and Hur when the Amalekites attacked Israel in the wilderness, as long as Moses was able to hold his hands up with the rod of God the battle went well with Israel, but when his strength gave way and he was no longer able to hold his hands up the battle was in favor of the Amalekites. So Aaron and Hur stood one on either side of Moses and held his



hands up and the Israelites won a lasting victory. And so it is our duty to hold the minister's hands up while he is trying to wield the sword of the Spirit in battling against the great enemy of souls. In time of slavery, when a faithful old servant had worn himself out in the service of his master until he was no longer able to follow the plow, his master would care for him the same as when he was in active service. We have a national law in our government that makes provision for our leading army officers. When they attain a certain age they are retired on a bounty that is amply sufficient to support them and their families during their life. Now, should we who profess to be the children of God be less magnanimous toward the ministers of God who have worn their lives out in trying to bring men and women from a state of death in sin to eternal life than the master toward his servant, or our country toward her old soldiers who have made themselves famous by the shedding of the blood of their fellowman. Surely not. We would therefore recommend that this Association make an annual offering for the support of the retired ministers of our State.

F. A. MARTIN,  
R. E. PERRY,  
Committee.

Report on Home Missions was read by W. J. McPhail and discussion deferred until afternoon. O. M. Lucas spoke on periodicals, particularly the "Baptist Record" After which the Association took recess until 1:30 p.m. Dismissed with prayer by W. J. McPhail.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Joel Dorroh. Report on Foreign Missions read by W. J. McPhail, discussed by W. J. McPhail, and J. L. Phelps, and report adopted.

#### Report on Home Missions

The Home Mission Board is stronger in the confidence of Southern Baptists today than ever before in the sixty-three years of its history. The work it has accomplished and is accomplishing well merits this confidence. Thousands of churches, houses of worship in almost every city and many country places, and tens of thousands of converts are monuments to its faithfulness and effectiveness as a denominational agent. The partial summary of the work done by the board's independent and co-operative workers during the past year shows how signal has been this success:

Sermons and addresses . . . . .	126,239
Prayer meetings . . . . .	13,794
Religious visits . . . . .	227,474
Baptisms . . . . .	22,402
Received by letter . . . . .	18,015
Total additions to churches . . . . .	40,417
Churches constituted . . . . .	337
Houses of worship built and improved . . . . .	338
Sunday schools organized . . . . .	1,057
Bibles and Testaments distributed . . . . .	26,837

In addition to the above there were 327 conversions in the board's mountain schools.

It will be seen that there were more than 100 additions to the churches for each day in the year.

Figures cannot tell the story of holy Christian influence exerted by these workers, nor the power in life, experience and character of 226,239 sermons and 227,474 religious visits.

The denomination showed its growing appreciation of this work by increasing its contributions to home missions by \$27,308.54, the total contribution being \$248,138.17.

A committee consisting of two brethren from each State was appointed at Hot Springs to name a reasonable sum to be raised for home missions this year, and to suggest an apportionment of the amount among the States. The sum decided upon as reasonable was \$325,000, which was divided in just proportion among the several States, the amount suggested for Mississippi being \$25,000. While this apportionment is only a suggestion, yet with the history of the work before us, and especially in view of the success of last year, we feel that every effort should be made to realize every dollar of the \$25,000 suggested for our State. We recommend, therefore, that this Association heartily co-operate in the effort to raise this amount for the support of a work which has been so signally blessed of God, and which has accomplished so much good. Submitted.

W. J. McPHAIL,

A. T. BURNS,

Committee.

### Report on Foreign Missions

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth." Acts, 1:8 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt., 28:19.

We see from the annual report of the Foreign Mission Board, rendered at the convention at Hot Springs last May, that God has wonderfully blessed the labors of his servants on the foreign field, as they have labored for the advancement of his kingdom in all the world.

Most earnestly do we thank and praise him for the 2,174 who have been saved and added to the churches upon profession of faith and baptism during the year. Such results as these in the midst of superstition and heathen idolatry ought to make all our hearts glad, and beget within us a desire and purpose to do far more than ever in the past for winning lost souls to him.

In spite of the great financial pressure which came upon us, our people have given \$402,328.16. While this does not approach the amount laid out to raise at the convention the year before, it was enough to pay all indebtedness, as the board saw what was before them they made their appropriation much smaller than they had intended doing.

From all the fields in foreign lands come the call for enlargement. God is blessing our workers and enabling them to go forward. But, Christian people, we must furnish the munitions of war. All the sacrifices are not to be made by the missionaries and native helpers. God would have us make some sacrifice also, thus taking some little part in their suffering, that we may rejoice with them in their victories for Christ.

During the year twenty-four new missionaries have gone out to the front to work for the Master; others are wanting to go. O, my father's children, if God furnishes us the men and women and the means with which to send them, and the millions are dying without the Gospel, is it not criminal in us to withhold from them the bread of life? Does it mean anything to us that the hundreds of millions are without the Gospel that saves from sin and death, and our Master

commands us to give it to them? Yes, it does, and therefore we will arise in the strength of our God and give this year what the convention recommended that Mississippi should give—\$35,000. We gave nearly \$29,000 last year.

Can we whose souls are lighted,  
With wisdom from on high;  
Can we to men benighted,  
The Lamp of Life deny?

Even those in heathen darkness,  
Are precious in God's sight;  
For them as well as others,  
Christ left his home of light.

Salvation, oh Salvation,  
The joyful news proclaim;  
'Till earth's remotest nations,  
Has learned Messiah's name.

J. L. PHELPS.  
J. W. SPENCER.

### Report on State Missions

State missions is foundation work, and he who helps State missions helps every good cause dear to the heart of our Lord. New lines of railroad are constantly opening new territory, both for the business man in all departments of work, as well as for the preacher of the Gospel. The spiritual interest of Mississippi must keep pace with material prosperity, and to do this requires an aggressive State mission policy. To fail in this regard is to turn over the cause of evangelism to other people. In too many instances already have our Baptist interests suffered by our failure to be first on the field. There are requests from many places to which we must turn a deaf ear because of lack of funds. We ought to have \$50,000 a year where we spend \$25,000. State missions have helped in all this year 533 churches. State missionaries have baptized 13,495 persons, and have labored in meetings where have been baptized by others 21,030, making our missionaries identified with the baptism of 34,525 persons. We must fortify more strongly in the State if we meet our obligations to the denomination at large and glorify God by future enlargement. We need to put forth strenuous efforts during the coming year to meet the ever increasing demands on the State Board. There are 1,357 Baptist churches in Mississippi, with a membership of 124,365 persons. This is the largest membership of any denomination in the State. - Mississippi, therefore, belongs to Baptists, and we must claim our own.

Let our motto be to obtain a contribution from every one of the 124,365 Baptists in the State. If each member would give 25 cents for State missions during the coming year the aggregate would be over \$30,000.

In this cause we are laborers together with God for a truer patriotism, higher citizenship, higher morality and the salvation of the lost.

J. L. PHELPS.  
J. W. SPENCER.



Report on nominations was read by C. F. Oglesby and adopted.  
Nominations -- Your committee submit the following:  
To preach introductory sermon, Joel Dorroh; alternate, A. C. Mason.  
C. F. OGLESBY,  
T. B. ODOM,  
R. L. MIDDLETON,  
Committee.

On motion the Association proceeded to select the place of holding next annual meeting. Shady Grove, Webster county was selected; and Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1909, as time.

Report of Finance Committee was read by J. M. Pendigrastr, which on motion was adopted.

### Report of Finance Committee

Your committee submit the following:

We have examined treasurer's report and found same correct, and have received the following amounts for objects named, to-wit:

For minutes and clerk.....	\$44 35
For clerk from Shiloh church.....	1 00
For home missions.....	3 75
General missions.....	5 50
Orphans' home.....	1 65
Sustentation.....	14 70
Total.....	\$70 95

The above amounts have been duly paid over to treasurer.

J. M. PENDIGRAST,  
D. S. PATTERSON,

Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the churches of the Zion Association agree to pay \$1.00 per month for the support of the Orphans' Home at Jackson, Mississippi.

### Report on Mississippi Baptist Orphanage

It is with pride and thanksgiving to God that we refer to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., and its splendid work and management by that Godly superintendent, J. R. Carter.

The institution well merits our esteem and hearty support. Bro. Carter reported at the convention at Meridian last July that there were 153 children in the home at that time, and that there had been an average of 150 during the year, and that there had been an average attendance of 152 in their Sunday school, and 19 professions of faith in the home. A model home, to be sure. The home has a splendid farm, from which is made much toward a living and feed for their stock. The school facilities are splendid, they having eight months a year in school. The nursery building for the babies has been completed, which furnishes ample and comfortable quarters for their twenty-three babies, with room for as many more. Other improvements have been made as the means have been provided with which to do them.

Now let us remember that this home for the orphans belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi, and that it is for the purpose of taking care of orphan children, and as such is very close to the heart of our

dear Lord, and should be very close to our hearts as well. Some of our churches do not report anything toward the support of the home, which thing should not be. Not only every church, but every individual should contribute to its support.

There are now in the orphanage 161 children. Bro. Carter tells us through the Gem that the contributions are falling off. While most people are complaining of their business falling off his is picking up, which is shown by the increase of the inmates of the home, and asks for a contribution at every association. Listen! These children eat ten barrels of flour per month, two barrels of molasses, one hundred and fifty pounds of lard, two hundred and fifty pounds of meat, and other things in proportion.

"Pure religion and undefiled,  
Will always help the orphan child;  
The widow, too, in deep distress,  
Pure religion delights to bless."

J. L. PHELPS,  
J. W. SPENCER,

The following resolution was adopted on Sabbath schools:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the churches having Sabbath schools report them, and they that have none organize one at once.

### Report on Sunday Schools

The Sunday school work has grown with marvelous rapidity in the past few years. Our people are waking up to the fact that our work in this line is indispensable to the growth of our churches, as a very large per cent of the conversions come through the Sunday school.

The Teachers training course established by our Sunday School Board has proven to be a great help to the efficiency of the work.

The field secretaries of the Sunday School Board have become a distinct and powerful factor in our denominational life.

Through the work which these men are doing and through the money the Sunday School Board has been giving, great interest has become centered in our Sunday School Board.

On April the 16th last, a North Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention was organized at Eupora by a number of pastors and laymen of this section of the State, the next meeting of which will be held at Water Valley next April. One vice-president was appointed from each Association north of the A. & V. R. R. whose duty it should be to look after the Sunday school interest in their association.

We note with pleasure almost every church in the Zion Association reports a Sunday school. This is of course as it should be, but what is most needed at present is to reach and enlist more people in the work. We would therefore recommend that we, through the

means which we have, try very earnestly and faithfully to enlarge the attendance and increase the efficiency in all our schools.

In the Sabbath school army,  
Should our names be enrolled;  
We should follow our leader,  
All steadfast and bold.  
On the Sunday school banner,  
His name you may see;  
It is Jesus our Savior,  
Who loves you and me.

J. L. PHELPS,  
J. W. SPENCER,  
Committee.

The following resolution on temperance was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Zion Association that we greatly rejoice in the success of the temperance cause, both in the State and nation.

### Report on Temperance

We hail with joy and reverent thanksgiving to Almighty God for the great strides made by the prohibition cause since this association met twelve months ago, in that three whole States, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, have adopted state wide laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants within their bounds for beverage purposes, while the same righteous sentiment promises at no distant day to draw Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and even the home territory of "Old Bourborn" itself into the sisterhood of prohibition States.

The grand young State of Oklahoma was received into the Union under the white banner of prohibition. We recognize in this ever spreading prohibition tide the grateful harvest from the seed sowing done with great labor and sacrifice by the Christian ministry and the Christian womanhood of these States in years gone by, and the wise introduction of scientific temperance instruction in the common schools in these States years ago through the untiring efforts of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union under the matchless leadership of those noble women, Francis E. Willard, Harriet B. Kells and other loyal spirits like them.

Let us remember that only by education and agitation and the exercise of true civic and Christian virtue can we maintain and carry to its full fruition this great reform.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and we would earnestly admonish every christian and prohibitionist that only by eternal vigilance can we make sure and permanent what has been gained by so many years of effort and education.

We recommend that our preachers preach on temperance as often as expedient, and our Sunday school superintendents and teachers always give special attention to the quarterly temperance lessons.



In the name of the Zion Baptist Association, we desire to express our, grateful thanks to the Mississippi Legislature of 1908 for responding to the temperance sentiment of the State by the passage of a state-wide prohibition law. We likewise reaffirm the position taken on the liquor question by the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Kosciusko twenty-five years ago; "Total abstinence for the individual and prohibition by the national government, as well as the State."

The days are very evil,  
The times are waxing late;  
Be watchful and take warning,  
The Judge is at the gate.

J. L. PHELPS.  
J. W. SPENCER,  
Committee.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of Pleasant Hill church and surrounding community for the Christian hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

J. M. PENDIGRAST.

On motion the clerk was requested to collect all data possible in regard to the history of this Association and report same to next meeting of this body.

There being no further business a motion prevailed to adjourn.

J. W. McPhail offered the closing prayer, and the Moderator declared the Association adjourned to meet with Shady Grove church on Wednesday before the 2nd Lord's day in September 1909.

T. H. WILSON, Moderator.  
J. W. SPENCER, Clerk.

# MEMORIAL PAGE.

M. C. ALLEN,  
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MRS. TIDE DAVIS,  
LULA MAY JORDAN,  
MRS. IDA MITCHELL,  
JAMES SHARON,  
MRS. MOLLIE SHEPPEARD,  
MAGGIE ELLISON,

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my  
last end be like His." Num., 23:10.

## Minutes of the Sunday School Convention of Zion Association

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Sunday School Convention of Zion Association met with Bethany Sabbath School, Slate Springs, on May 30, 1908.

At 10 A. M. the president called order, and the convention joined in singing Nos. 225 and 59. Prayer was offered by chaplain, after which the president delivered an address on the "Origin and Growth" of this convention. Song, "More About Jesus," and J. T. McPhail offered prayer.

Rev. J. L. Phelps, the appointee, being absent, a motion prevailed that T. H. Wilson preach convention sermon. Text, Titus, 1:1-2. Song, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow."

The president then called for letters. The following schools responded, to-wit: Bellefontaine, New Hope, Barton School House, Pleasant Hill, Spring Hill and Sabcugla.

Sam C. Sugg and W. J. McPhail were appointed reading clerks.

The convention then took a recess until 1:30 for refreshments.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at appointed time. Song, "How Firm a Foundation." C. S. Clark offered prayer.

On motion all Sunday school workers were invited to take part in discussion of subjects.

On motion, permanent orgation was deferred until 4 p.m. and program taken up.

SUBJECTS—1. "Moses a Type of Christ;" J. T. McPhail, T. H. Wilson. Discussed by C. S. Clark and W. J. McPhail. Song, "Stand Up for Jesus."

2. Essay, "Influence of Sabbath Schools;" Miss Myrtle Fox. Discussed by T. H. Wilson and C. S. Clark. Song No. 104.

On motion Pleasant Hill school was admitted to membership in this convention.

On motion Miss Nannie Moore was seated as delegate from Philadelphia school.

The convention then proceeded to permanent organization, which resulted as follows: President, D. S. Patterson; vice-president, W. J. McPhail; secretary, Sam C. Sugg; Chaplain, J. J. Nelms; annivarsarian, J. W. Spencer.

Place for holding next convention, Spring Hill, Calhoun county. Time, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1909, 10 a.m.

The following committee was appointed to draft a constitution for this convention, to-wit: J. W. Spencer, J. L. Gregg, J. S. Dorroh and J. T. Pryor.

Essay, "Our Heavenly Home." Bertha Spencer. Discussed by W. J. McPhail.



The president appointed committee on program for next convention as follows: J. J. Nelms, H. J. Burson, Eli Hardin and W. S. Davis.

The following contribution was made to purchase record book for this convention, \$1.50.

On motion the minutes of this convention be published in the minutes of our association.

Song, "My Savior Face to Face," and the convention adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Song, "Come Thou Fount." The 34th Psalm was read by Chaplain, and J. T. McPhail offered prayer. Songs, "There is a Fountain," and "The Story That Never Grows Old." Program taken up.

"How to Make a Sunday School Teacher," J. W. Spencer. Discussed by J. T. Pryor, J. T. McPhail, A. C. Mason, T. H. Wilson and C. S. Clark.

Song, "Joy Bells."

Essay, "Hide God's Word in Your Heart," Miss Ida Edwards. Discussed by A. T. Burns.

"Whole-heartedness in God's Service," Charles Denton and T. H. Wilson.

Song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

"How to Best Establish Our Churches in Bible Doctrine," A. T. Burns, A. C. Mason.

Essay, "Heavenly Home," Miss Fanny Nelms.

Essay, "The Christian's Life," Miss Nora Phillips.

Essay, "The Power of Prayer," Miss Pearl Dorroh.

Essay, "Influence of Sabbath Schools, Morally and Religiously," Miss Iva Burke.

Prayer was offered by J. H. Clark.

A resolution of thanks was offered by C. S. Clark and adopted.

There being no further business a motion prevailed to adjourn.

The convention joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Closing prayer offered by chaplain.

The president then declared the convention adjourned to meet with Spring Hill school on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1909.

D. S. PATTERSON, President

SAM C. SUGG, Secretary.



## Program for Next Convention

1. Convention sermon, J. L. Phelps; Alternate, W. J. McPhail.
2. Welcome address, Miss Ethel Spencer.
3. "Sabbath School and Its Blessings," Miss Nora Burns, A. C. Mason.
4. Essay, "Obedience," Miss Lorene Naron.
5. "Faith and What We Attain to by Faith," J. T. McPhail, J. D. Denton.
6. "Charity, and How Should We Use It," Miss Abbie Gregg, Joel Dorroh.
7. "The Superintendent and His Duties," Prof. Lewis, D. S. Patterson.
8. Essay, "Temperance," Mrs. Ida Smith.
9. "What Should Be the Nature of Our Young People's Entertainments?" Mrs. Leroy Flournoy, Willie Woods.
10. Essay, "Procrastination," Miss Daisy Skelton.
11. "Why Are We So Negligent About Our Christian Duties?" Miss Ethel Hicks, T. H. Wilson.
12. Proverbs 25:11, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold and pictures of silver," Miss Jimmie Belle Vance, T. N. Moody.

In addition each superintendent is requested to appoint some one to read essay, or deliver an address at next convention.

ELI HARDIN,  
H. J. BURSON,

J. J. NELMS,  
W. S. DAVIS,

Committee.

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20. Sabougla	2	8	4		4		2	90	1 05		8 00	6 75				66 00		1	5	50	4	5 00	"	J. A.	
21. Sapa	1	13	11			1	1	98	80	1 35		1 35				100 00		1	5	35		1 50	"	H. H.	
22. Shady Grove	3	1	6	1	1		1	122	2 25	1 00	1 00	4 50				150 00		1	5	50	1	3 00	"	G. T.	
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26. Union	1	24			9		3	136	1 80							85 00							"	John	
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